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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SENGHOR MESSAGES TO CARTER

REFS: (A) DAKAR 302; (B) DAKAR 8481

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
SENGHOR FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTERS
OF DECEMBER 8 TRANSMITTING YOUR VIEWS OF THE U.S. ROLE IN
HELPING TO ACHIEVE PEACE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA, AND OF DECEMBER 30 CONVEYING YOUR
THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL MEASURES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO PEACE
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BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL.

THE VALUED COUNSEL EXPRESSED IN THE FIRST LETTER UNDER-
LINES YOUR OWN DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE COOPERATION WHICH
IS ESSENTIAL IF THE PROBLEMS OF THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA
ARE TO BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
ASPIRATIONS OF ITS PEOPLES. MY ADMINISTRATION LOOKS

FORWARD TO DRAWING ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, VIEWS, AND SUGGESTIONS AS AN AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE WHO HAS ALWAYS

DEFENDED THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND RACIAL JUSTICE.

YOUR MESSAGE OF DECEMBER 30 IS OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO ME BECAUSE OF YOUR PERSONAL STATURE AS ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED LEADERS AND ONE WHOSE RECORD AS MEDIATOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA IS WELL KNOWN AND WIDELY RESPECTED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON LINES OF ACTION TOWARD MIDDLE EAST PEACE WILL BE STUDIED SERIOUSLY AS MY ADMINISTRATION ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY AFTER JANUARY 20. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONTINUE TO INFORM ME OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT COME TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT MAY FACILITATE THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS OR BE RELEVANT TO THE NEED FOR A CONTINUING ASSESSMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, INCLUDING A VISIT TO WASHINGTON, IF NECESSARY, WILL CERTAINLY BE IN MY MIND AS I CONSIDER THE UNITED STATES' DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

MY FAMILY AND I ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARM HOLIDAY
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GREETINGS, AND WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND THE GOOD PEOPLE OF SENEGAL ENJOY A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.
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